

IN THE CLAIMS

1 --38. (new) A method of cost-sharing of a host subscription fee, for a
2 client's collaboration community, for using a hosted enterprise solution, the
3 method comprising:

4 generating a list of partners to define a client's unique collaboration
5 community, the creating being done by the client;

6 issuing a value generated by a predetermined function applying to a
7 partner's subscription fee, if any, in the client's collaboration community,
8 which can be used to modify a client's host subscription fee for using their
9 hosted enterprise solution;

10 calculating a balance of the client's host subscription fee for the client's
11 collaboration community; and

12 utilizing a network and communicating the balance of the host
13 subscription fee to the client for payment.

1 39. (new) The method of claim 38, wherein the method of cost-sharing is
2 offered to a client as an option.

1 40. (new) The method of claim 38, wherein the client has flexibility to
2 decide which partners within the collaboration community the client defined to
3 invite to become subscribers.

1 41. (new) The method of claim 40, wherein the flexibility in deciding
2 which partners to invite to become subscribers is a standard and open policy
3 provided by a service provider to the client.

1 42. (new) The method of claim 38, wherein a partner subscription can be
2 of more than one type.

1 43. (new) The method of claim 38, wherein the host subscription can be
2 of more than one type.

1 44. (new) The method of claim 38, wherein the client has flexibility in
2 deciding which partners within the collaboration community the client defined
3 not to invite to become subscribers.

1 45. (new) The method of claim 44, wherein the flexibility in deciding
2 which partners not to invite to become subscribers is a standard and open
3 policy provided by the service provider to the client.

1 46. (new) The method of claim 38, wherein the collaboration
2 community's membership changes as a collaboration environment of the client
3 changes.

1 47. (new) The method of claim 38, wherein calculating the client's host
2 subscription fee includes calculating a value by using a predetermined formula
3 on a partner's subscription within the client's collaboration community to be

4 incorporated into the client's host subscription fee for usage of the hosted
5 enterprise solution.

1 48. (new) The method of claim 38, wherein the partner's subscription fee
2 and the value are different amounts.

1 49. (new) The method of claim 38, wherein each partner can
2 independently alter his subscription status.

1 50. (new) The method of claim 38, wherein the client's host subscription
2 fee is at least partially contributed by a non-subscriber for using the hosted
3 enterprise solutions.

1 51. (new) The method of claim 38, wherein the hosted enterprise
2 solution facilitates collaboration privileges to non-subscribers, subscribers and
3 clients.

1 52. (new) The method of claim 38, wherein there is at least one partner
2 that is a non-subscriber.

1 53. (new) The method of claim 38, wherein there is at least one partner
2 that is a subscriber.

1 54. (new) The method of claim 38, wherein the client can create an
2 invitee list related to its collaboration community.

1 55. (new) The method of claim 54, wherein an invitee list may represent
2 all of the partners from a list of partners within a collaboration community.

1 56. (new) The method of claim 38, wherein a client can freely remove
2 rights of usage of a hosted enterprise solution of a subscriber in the client's
3 collaboration community.

1 57. (new) The method of claim 38, wherein a client can freely remove
2 rights of usage of a hosted enterprise solution of a non-subscriber in the
3 client's collaboration community.

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1 58. (new) The method of claim 38, wherein the hosted enterprise
2 solution is accessed by users via the network.

1 59. (new) A system for cost-sharing of a host subscription fee, for a
2 client's collaboration community, for using a hosted enterprise solution, the
3 system comprising:

4 a first module to generate, with the assistance of a client, a list of
5 partners to define a client's unique collaboration community;

6 a second module to calculate a client's host subscription fee;

7 a third module to calculate a value by a pre-determined formula
8 generated by a partner subscription, if any, in the clients' collaboration
9 community, which can be used to modify the client's host subscription fee; and

10 a fourth module to update relevant information that affects a client's host
11 subscription that is accessible by the client online, thus allowing the client to
12 manage the client's host subscription fees to a service provider for a
13 collaboration community, utilizing a network.

1 60. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein the system for cost-sharing is
2 offered to the client as an option.

1 61. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is configured to
2 calculate the client's host subscription fee including calculating a value by
3 using a pre-determined formula on a partner's subscription within the client's
4 collaboration community to be incorporated into the client's host subscription
5 fee for usage of the hosted enterprise solution.

1 62. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is configured to
2 provide the client with flexibility to decide which partners within a
3 collaboration community the client defined to invite to become subscribers.

1 63. (new) The system of claim 62, wherein flexibility in deciding which
2 partners to invite to become subscribers is a standard and open policy provided
3 by a service provider to the client.

1 64. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is configured to
2 provide the client with flexibility in deciding which partners within a
3 collaboration community the client defined not to invite to become subscribers.

1 65. (new) The system of claim 64, wherein flexibility in deciding which
2 partners not to invite to become subscribers is a standard and open policy
3 provided by a service provider to the client.

1 66. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is configured to
2 track entities that decline subscriptions.

1 67. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is configured to
2 allow the client to manage all subscription activities within the client's
3 collaboration communities.

1 68. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is configured to
2 receive a subscriber's credit card information.

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1 69. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein the partner subscription can
2 be of more than one type.

1 70. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein the host subscription fee can
2 be of more than one type.

1 71. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is configured to
2 allow the client to create an invitee list related to a collaboration community.


1 72. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is configured to
2 generate invitations to all invitees.

1 73. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is configured to
2 urge invitees to come to a partner subscription decision.

1 74. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is configured to
2 track a client's host subscription fee that is at least partially contributed by a
3 partner for using a hosted enterprise solution.

1 75. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is configured to
2 track a client's host subscription fee that is at least partially contributed by a
3 non-subscriber for using the hosted enterprise solution.

1 76. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein there is at least one partner
2 that is a non-subscriber.

 1 77. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein there is at least one partner
2 that is a subscriber.

1 78. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein a subscription fee of the
2 partner and the value are different amounts.

1 79. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is configured to
2 track a client's host subscription fee that is at least partially contributed by the
3 client for using a hosted enterprise solution.

1 80. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein a hosted enterprise solution
2 facilitates collaboration privileges for subscribers, non-subscribers and clients.

1 81. (new) The system of claim 80, wherein privileges to different users
2 under different subscription plans are different.

1 82. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein a hosted enterprise solution is
2 a data-exchange enterprise collaboration software solution.

1 83. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein a hosted enterprise solution is
2 a document workflow enterprise collaboration software solution.

1 84. (new) The system of claim 80, wherein collaboration privileges for
2 subscribers can be different than that of non-subscribers.

1 85. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is configured so
2 that a client can modify collaboration community memberships that the client
3 defined.

1 86. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is configured so
2 that a client can freely remove rights of usage of a hosted enterprise solution of
3 a subscriber in its collaboration community.

1 87. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is configured so
2 that a client can freely remove the rights of usage of a hosted enterprise
3 solution of a non-subscriber in its collaboration community.

1 88. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is configured so
2 that a partner can independently alter its subscription status.

1 89. (new) The system of claim 59, wherein the hosted enterprise solution
2 is accessed by users via the network.

1 90. (new) A method of implementing a reward program by a service
2 provider for the benefit of a client that has purchased a host subscription for
3 its collaboration communities, the method comprising:
4 setting, based on a pre-determined formula, an external revenue goal set
5 for a client by a value generated by a partner subscription, if any, in its
6 collaboration community;
7 offering the external revenue goal to one or more clients; and
8 the client attempts to earn a value that can be incorporated into a host
9 subscription of the client so that there are no fees to be paid to a service
10 provider offering the external revenue goal, utilizing a network.

1 91. (new) The method of claim 90, wherein the reward program is offered
2 to the client as an option.--
